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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, RP

SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON  
MAP

1. SUGGEST YOU MAKE POINTS TO MARCOS AND OTHER SENIOR  
GOP FIGURES:

-- THAT DOLS 17.1 MILLION OBTAINED FOR PHILIPPINES IN  
HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AUGUST 15 IS SIGNIFI-  
CANT ACHIEVEMENT, GIVEN USUAL PRACTICE OF SPLITTING  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOUSE AND SENATE FIGURES.

-- CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DECISION REFLECTS IMPORTANCE  
ATTACHED TO BASE TALKS BY CONGRESS.

-- ADMINISTRATION MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO OBTAIN THIS  
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RESULT, IN WHICH I PLAYED EXTREMELY ACTIVE ROLE.

-- HUMAN RIGHTS CONTINUES TO BE VIEWED AS SIGNIFICANT  
PROBLEM BY CONGRESS, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO FOCUS ATTENTION  
ON RECENT IMPROVEMENTS. ONLY OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF  
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP CARRIED THE DAY.

2. IN COORDINATION WITH H, I CARRIED ON EXTENSIVE CONSUL-

TATION ON HILL, FIRST WITH HOUSE AND LATER WITH SENATE, FOLLOWING UP ON INITIAL APPROACHES MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT AFTER HIS MANILIA VISIT. THESE CONSULTATIONS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUTCOME. IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AGREED AMOUNT WAS PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN WOLFF, WHO NOTED IMPORTANCE OF SENDING FAVORABLE SIGNALS AT THIS POINT IN SENSITIVE BASE TALKS. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI OFFERED HIS SUPPORT, LEADING TO FAVORABLE OUTCOME. SENATOR GLENN WAS ALSO STRONG FIGURE IN SFRC AND CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT GOP IS CONDUCTING TOP LEVEL EXAMINATION OF BASE TALKS, AND I HOPE THAT MAKING MARCOS FULLY AWARE OF THIS SUCCESS WILL ENHANCE CLIMATE IN WHICH HE DECIDES HOW PHILIPPINE SIDE WILL PROCEED ON REMAINING ISSUES.

4. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION. VANCE

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